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President: Mr. PAGANON (France)

- Report of the Secretary-General on Credentials (T/1968)
- Adoption of the report of the Trusteeship Council to the Security Council (Security Council resolution 70 (1949))
- Closure of the session

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The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON CREDENTIALS (T/1968) (continued)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): As members will recall, the Trusteeship Council, at its 1690th meeting, on 19 December 1991, decided to defer to its fifty-ninth session the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on credentials for the twenty-first special session. In this connection, I draw the attention of members to document T/1968, which contains that report.

As there are no comments, I shall take it that the Council decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on credentials for the twenty-first special session.

It was so decided.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL (SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 70 (1949))

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): As members will recall, the Trusteeship Council, on 2 June 1992, in conformity with the procedure adopted at its previous sessions, decided to suspend its meetings and to meet in resumed session to consider the Council's draft report to the Security Council. Today's meeting has been convened to consider and, I hope, adopt the draft report, copies of which have been transmitted to all members of the Council.

Members have no doubt noted that the draft report consists of the draft report on the work of the twenty-first special session, held on 19 December 1991, and the draft report on the work of the fifty-ninth regular session.

(The President)

Members will recall that at its 1690th meeting, held on 19 December 1991, the Council authorized the Secretariat, in consultation with the President and the other members of the Council, to prepare a draft report on the work of the twenty-first special session for inclusion in the Council's report to the Security Council on its work at its fifty-ninth session. In completing that draft report, the Secretariat followed the procedure of previous years and relied substantially on the verbatim record of the meeting of the twenty-first special session.

Similarly, in preparing part I of the draft report on the work of the fifty-ninth session, entitled "Organization and activities of the Trusteeship Council", the Secretariat relied on the verbatim records of the Council's meetings during the current session.

Members will note also that part II of the draft report on the work of the fifty-ninth session sets out the conclusions and recommendations the Council adopted at its 1696th meeting, held on 2 June 1992.

Before the Council takes a decision on the draft report, I wish to inform members that all revisions are reflected in the version of the text before them. Those changes or revisions appear in boldface type in the text before the Council; they relate to paragraphs 9, 39, 40, 62, 66, 73, 106 and 107.

Apart from the replacement of paragraph 9 with a new text, the other changes relate to typographical errors or to minor changes intended to clarify the meaning of the sentence in question.

As no member of the Council wishes to comment on the draft report, we shall now proceed to take action on the draft report of the Trusteeship Council to the Security Council.

(The President)

May I take it that the Council wishes to adopt the draft report as a whole without a vote?

The draft report was adopted.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): With the adoption of its report to the Security Council, the Trusteeship Council has completed the work of its fifty-ninth session.

I wish to say what a pleasure it has been for me to preside over the work of the Trusteeship Council. I thank all Council members for their cooperation and support in our deliberations. My warm thanks go also to the Secretariat for its excellent preparation of our work. I am sure I speak for all in thanking the interpereters and translators, who enabled us to work under excellent conditions.

I declare closed the fifty-ninth session of the Trusteeship Council.

The meeting rose at 10.10 a.m.